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IN LOVING MEMORY TO
MY DEAR MOTHER
ANNA PINE DECATUR PARSONS

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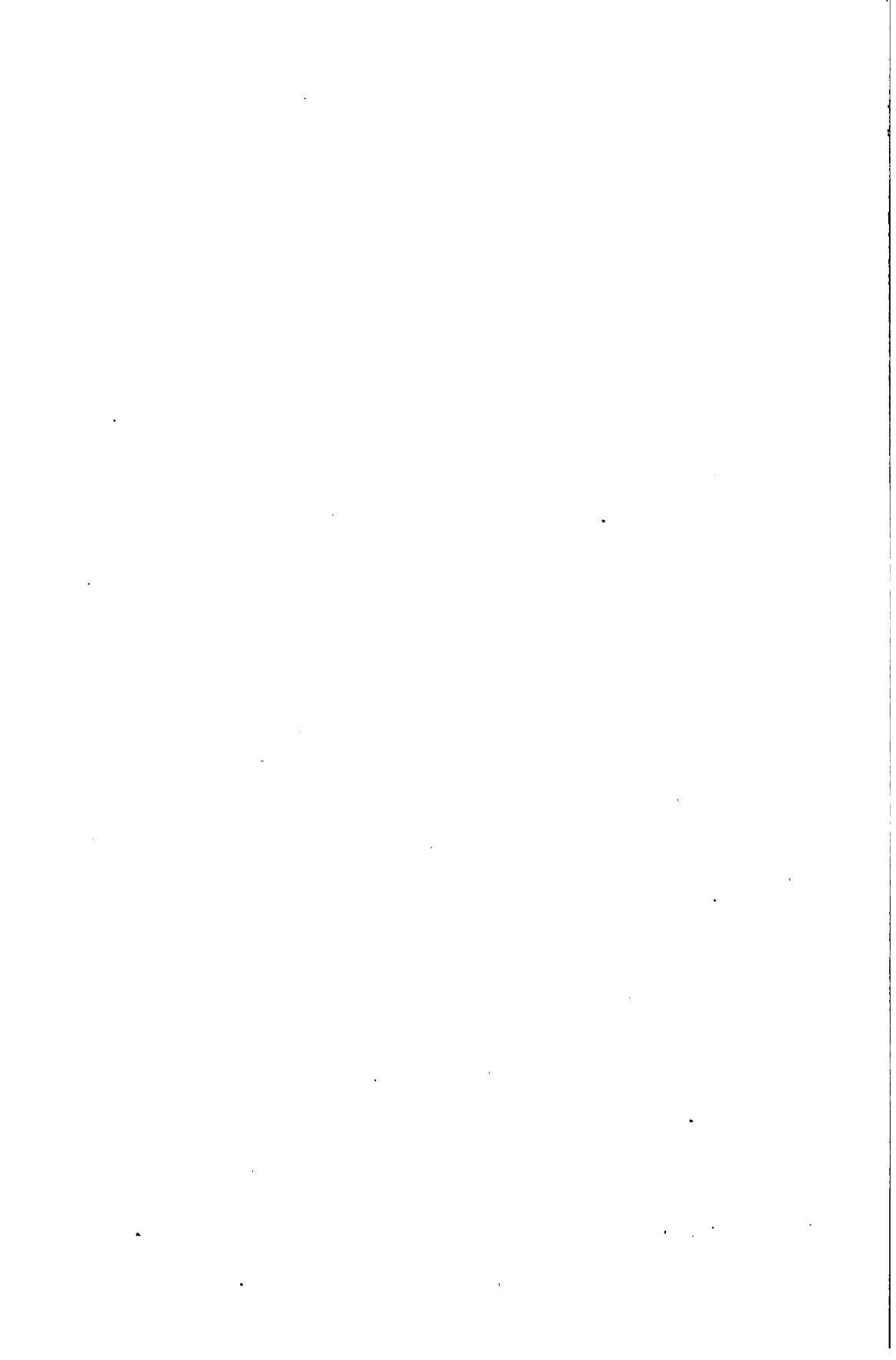
THE DECATUR FAMILY

The following genealogy is a complete list of all the descendants of Stephen Decatur, who came to Rhode Island about 1746 and was the first Decatur in this country.

Some families now bearing the name have either changed or dropped their own family names to assume that of Decatur, and have no kinship with this family. Others have named their children from admiration of the heroic deeds of Commodore Decatur.

But the hereafter-named were and are the only ones entitled to bear the name of Decatur as descendants of the Stephen Decatur of Newport, R. I., and who were or are connected with his family by descent or marriage.

The following data has been taken from family records, documents, Bibles and from histories.



FIRST GENERATION

1. **STEPHEN DECATUR**, the founder of the Decatur family in America, was by family tradition a native of La Rochelle, France, and entered the French Navy at an early age. When a Lieutenant in the West Indies, he was attacked by the epidemic of the climate, which obliged his removal to a cooler latitude. He obtained leave and went to Newport, Rhode Island; this was about the middle of the century. He was married in Trinity Church, Newport, on September 26th, 1751, to Priscilla Hill, born 1722, baptized 1743, died March 14, 1795, buried in St. Peter's Churchyard, Philadelphia, Pa. She was a daughter of Joseph Hill, whose wife was Priscilla Rogers, died 1756, daughter of Thomas Rogers, died August 22nd, 1736, and Ann Tripp, his wife.

He gave up his allegiance to the French King in 1752, moved to Philadelphia and died soon after, leaving his widow and one child.

SECOND GENERATION

2. CAPTAIN STEPHEN DECATUR, Senior, born in Newport, R. I., baptized June 7th, 1752. He was married in Philadelphia, December 20th, 1774, by the Rev. Thomas Coombe of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, at the residence of Captain Moore (her guardian), to Ann Pine, the daughter of John and Nancy Pine, daughter of James Bruce of Edinburgh, Scotland.

He adopted his father's profession of the sea and in February, 1774, was Master of the sloop *Peggy*. During the War of the Revolution he commanded the privateers *Comet*, *Retaliation*, *Fair American*, *Rising Sun* and *Royal Louis*, gaining distinction by the capture of English vessels.

At the close of the war he returned to mercantile life and was associated in business with Gurney & Smith, a prominent firm of Philadelphia, engaged in European and Calcutta trade. He became joint owner with them of a fine ship called the *Pennsylvania*, and afterwards of another called the *Ariel*, which he himself commanded, making many voyages in them to Bordeaux and probably other ports.

On the breaking out of hostilities with France, he hastened to offer his services to his



CAPT. STEPHEN DECATUR, Sr.
1752-1808

country. His well established character for energy, deliberation and seamanlike skill and the courage and resources which he had displayed in command of private armed vessels in the revolutionary war led to the prompt acceptance of his services, the offer of which was the more patriotic from his fortune being already sufficiently ample to admit of his retirement from active life.

President Adams commissioned him as a post Captain in the Navy on May 11th, 1798. He was at once appointed to the command of the *Delaware* and put to sea in the month following, and made the capture of the French privateer *Le Croyable*, which was the first capture made in what it is usual to term the War of 1798, and was the first vessel ever taken by the present navy or under the present form of government. The *Delaware*, Capt. Decatur, also captured *Le Sans Pareil*, and in company with the *United States* captured *La Jaloux*, and afterwards alone *Le Marsuin*.

The command of the frigate *Philadelphia* was given him at the particular request of the merchants and patriotic men who had built her by subscription. The *Philadelphia* took a number of French prizes, *La Levrette*, *L'Union*, *La Magdalen*, *La Guerre*, and *L'Amphitrite*. And when in her on the Guadeloupe station, Capt. Decatur was in command for a time of a squadron of thirteen vessels. He was also in command of the *United States* and the *Norfolk*.

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At the close of hostilities, when the officers, men and vessels of the navy were greatly reduced under the Peace Establishment Act, October 22nd, 1801, he was honorably discharged and retired to property he owned at Frankford, near Philadelphia, and established gun-powder works.

At an entertainment given in Philadelphia after the humbling of the Bashaw of Algiers and the Bey of Tunis, when Capt. Decatur, Senior, seated between his son Stephen and his younger son John, whom he had devoted to the naval service in the place of the one, James, who had fallen, was complimented in proposing his health, on the benefits he had conferred upon his country by his own valued services to it and by bestowing on it such sons, one of whom had fallen for his country, whilst another had returned victorious in her cause, responded with the Spartan sentiment in a voice tremulous with contending emotions of pride and grief: "Our children are the property of their country." (Mackensie).

He died at his residence, "Millsdale," Frankford, Pa., November 14th, 1808. His wife died March 27th, 1812. They both are buried in St. Peter's Churchyard, Philadelphia.

Their children were:

THIRD GENERATION

3. Ann Pine Decatur, b. Jan. 2, 1776, d. Sept. 25, 1819.
4. Stephen Decatur, b. Jan. 5, 1779, d. March 22, 1820.
5. John Pine Decatur, d. Sept. 9, 1781, aged 16 days.
6. James Bruce Decatur, b. Sept. 10, 1782, d. Aug. 3, 1804.
7. Elizabeth Josiah Decatur, b. July 30, 1784, d. April 24, 1785.
8. John Pine Decatur, b. Sept. 14, 1786, d. Nov. 12, 1832.
9. Joseph Hill Decatur, d. Jan. 7, 1802, aged 12 years.

3. ANN PINE DECATUR, born January 2nd, 1776, married first by Rev. Dr. Miller, New York, August 10th, 1795, to James McKnight, First Lieutenant U. S. Marine Corps, 3 August, 1798; Captain, 1 September, 1798; son of James MacKnight of Edinburgh, who was a son of Dr. James MacKnight of the Church of Scotland, born Irvine, Ayrshire, Scotland, September 17th, 1721.

Their children were:

10. Stephen Decatur McKnight, b. May 29, 1796.
11. Mary Hill McKnight, b. May 21, 1798, d. May 19, 1889.
12. Anna Pine McKnight, b. March 14, 1800, d. Aug. 10, 1884.
13. Priscilla Decatur McKnight, b. Jan. 26, 1802, d. Jan. 28, 1890.

Captain McKnight was killed in a duel with a brother officer in Leghorn, Italy, October 14th, 1802.

Mrs. McKnight was married on November 10, 1808, by the Rev. Joseph Pilmore, "by the dying bed of Capt. Decatur, her honoured Father" (St. Paul's Church Records), to her second husband, Dr. William Hurst of New York, son of Timothy Hurst of Hinckley, Leicester Co., England. Mrs. Hurst died, Frankford, Pa., September 25th, 1819. Dr. Hurst died, Frankford, August 26th, 1820. Both were buried in St. Peter's Churchyard, Philadelphia.

The children by the second marriage were:

14. Catherine Louisa Hurst, b. July 25, 1812, d. Aug. 20, 1836.
15. William Decatur Hurst, b. Jan. 30, 1815, d. Aug. 7, 1855.

4. COMMODORE STEPHEN DECATUR, U. S. N., born January 5th, 1779, at Sinipuxent, Eastern Shore of Maryland, whither his parents had retired while the British had possession of



MRS. CAPT. STEPHEN DECATUR, Sr.
Died March 27, 1812

Philadelphia, where their home in 1801 was No. 261, now of the new numbering No. 611 South Front St.

He was appointed Midshipman 30 April, 1798; Lieutenant, 21 May, 1799; Captain, 16 February, 1804, and was Naval Commissioner from 30 November, 1815, until his death. He had large and successful sea service in many war vessels and made many captures, but is most prominently known by his exploit of February 14th, 1804, in the harbor of Tripoli, Africa, when with the ketch *Intrepid* he and his men boarded the *Philadelphia* (which frigate, under the command of Capt. William Bainbridge, had gone ashore on a reef in October, 1803, and had been captured by the Tripolitans, floated again, repaired and moored under the guns of the Bashaw's castle), set her on fire and escaped with his vessel and crew amid a rain of shot from one hundred and forty-one guns. Lord Nelson on the *Victory*, before Toulon, on hearing of Decatur's achievement, is said to have pronounced it as "the most bold and daring act of the age."

It was also a great cause of exultation in this country and added to his laurels when, in command of the *United States*, he captured, on October 25th, 1812, His Britannic Majesty's ship *Macedonian*, Capt. John Carden, after an action of ninety minutes, in which the *United States* had five killed and seven wounded and the *Macedonian* had thirty-six killed and sixty-

eight wounded, fifty-three of these afterwards died of their wounds, making eighty-nine deaths in all. The *Macedonian* was admitted at the time to be the finest frigate in the British Navy.

He married on March 14th, 1806, Miss Susan Wheeler, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Luke Wheeler, Esq., Mayor of Norfolk, Virginia. She had been the reigning belle there, of elegant manners and splendid conversational powers. Jerome Bonaparte had offered himself to her, but she refused him on the advice of her friend, the Hon. Robert G. Harper, who assured her that the Emperor Napoleon would never recognize the marriage. His judgment was shown to be correct when Jerome afterward, December 24th, 1803, married Miss Elizabeth Patterson of Baltimore. Jerome Bonaparte remained in the United States until 1805 and then was summoned to France by Napoleon, who issued a decree annulling the marriage with Miss Patterson and made him, on July 8th, 1807, King of Westphalia, and on August 22nd, 1807, he married the daughter of the King of Würtemberg.

The marriage of Com. Decatur and Miss Wheeler proved to be a very happy one.

At a reunion of friends and prominent citizens of Norfolk in 1816, on his return after settlement of troubles with Algiers, Tunis and Tripoli, when many appropriate toasts and sentiments were given, Decatur responded with

a sentiment which has since become memorable: "Our country, in her intercourse with foreign nations, may she always be in the right, but our country right or wrong." Mackensie in his *Life of Decatur* says: "May it ever remain the rallying cry of patriotism throughout the land."

Com. Decatur received as testimonials of approbation and gratitude from his country a sword from Congress for burning the *Philadelphia*, another from Congress for the attacks on Tripoli, a gold medal from Congress and a gold box containing the freedom of New York for the capture of the *Macedonian*. New York also ordered that his portrait be painted for the city. This was done by the artist Sully. This portrait is now in the Governor's Room in the City Hall. Swords from Pennsylvania, the City of Philadelphia and from Virginia, and services of plate from Baltimore and Philadelphia for closing the Algerine War. He was in February, 1813, unanimously elected an honorary member of the New York State Society of the Cincinnati.

Com. Decatur lost his life in a duel with Com. James Barron at Bladensburg on March 22nd, 1820. The *National Intelligencer* announced the sad tidings in the following mournful expressions:

"A hero has fallen. Commodore Stephen Decatur, one of the first officers of our navy, the pride of his country, the gallant and noble hearted gentleman, is no more. He expired a

few minutes ago of the mortal wound received in the duel this morning. Mourn Columbia, for one of thy brightest stars is set. A son without fear and without reproach, in the fulness of his fame, in the prime of his usefulness, has descended into the tomb."

The funeral was on March 24th, 1820. The pallbearers were Commodores Rogers, Tingey, Chauncey, Porter and McDonough, Captains Cassin and Ballard and Lieutenant Macpherson of the navy and Generals Brown and Jessup of the army.

The funeral was attended by the President of the United States and his Cabinet, members of the Senate and House of Representatives, Chief Justice Marshall and his associate Judges, officers of the army, the Mayor and civic authorities of Washington, foreign Ministers and Consuls and a large number of citizens. During the funeral ceremony minute guns were fired from the navy yard.

Interment was in a vault about a mile from the city on an eminence overlooking a wide extent of surrounding country, at Kalorama, a beautiful estate, the residence for some time of the celebrated Joel Barlow, afterwards of Col. George Bomford, who was one of the executors of Com. Decatur's will.

The tomb bore this inscription: "Here lie the remains of Stephen Decatur of the United States Navy, who departed this life on the 22nd of March, 1820, aged 41 years. His public



COM. DECATUR, U. S. N.
1779-1820

services are recorded in the annals of his country, his private virtues in the hearts of his friends, and above all in her heart who was fourteen years the happy partner of his life, and the delighted witness of his exalted worth, and who can with truth inscribe upon this tablet that he possessed every virtue of which the human character is susceptible and each carried to its highest perfection."

On the disposal of the Kalorama property by Col. Bomford, it was deemed advisable that the remains be removed to Philadelphia and placed at the side of his father's and mother's graves in St. Peter's Churchyard. On October 29th, 1846, this was done; there was an imposing military display and a very long procession under the command of Gen. Cadwallader, of the civic authorities and others. Three volleys of musketry were fired over the grave by the Wayne Artillery and Harrison Artillery, who were detailed for that purpose.

A handsome and noticeable monument was erected over the grave by his friends and fellow citizens of Philadelphia, consisting of a fluted granite column with Doric capital, surmounted by an eagle, the pedestal being composed of square blocks of granite, the whole forming a monument of about twenty feet in height. Inscriptions are on each side of the pedestal, as follows:

THE DECATUR GENEALOGY

(on North side)

Stephen Decatur

Born January 5th, 1779

Entered the Navy of the United States
as Midshipman

April 30th, 1798

Became Lieutenant

June 3d, 1799

Made Captain

For distinguished Merit

Passing over the rank of Commander
February 16th, 1804

Died

March 22nd, 1820

(on East side)

Devoted to his Country

By a

Patriot Father

He cherished in his Heart

and sustained by his

Intrepid Actions

The Inspiring Sentiment

Our Country! right or wrong

A Nation

Gave him in return

Its Applause and Gratitude

(on South side)

The Gallant Officer

Whose prompt and active Valor

Always on the Watch

Was Guided by a Wisdom
And supported by a Firmness
Which never tired
Whose Exploits in Arms
Reflected
The Daring Fictions of
Romance and Chivalry

(on West side)

A Name
Brilliant from a Series of
Heroic Deeds
On the Coast of Barbary
And Illustrious
By Achievements Against
More Disciplined Enemies
The Pride of the Navy
The Glory of the
Republic

In the Episcopal Church at Algiers, Africa, occupying a prominent position, is a large and handsome mural tablet erected June 20th, 1887, by citizens of the United States. It reads:

"In memory of a distinguished citizen of the United States of America, Commodore Stephen Decatur, who in connection with Capt. W. Bainbridge and W. Shaler, Esq., on the 3d day of June, 1815, concluded a treaty with the Dey of Algiers, thus being the first to break through the in-

tolerable bondage in which many Christian nations were held by the Barbary States."

The widow of Com. Decatur died in Georgetown, D. C., June 21st, 1860, aged 84 years, and was buried on a knoll near the University. A marble cross marks the spot.

They had no children.

5. JOHN PINE DECATUR, died September 9th, 1781, aged 16 days. Named after his mother's father. Dying in infancy, another child born in 1786 was given the same name.

6. JAMES BRUCE DECATUR, born September 10th, 1782. Midshipman, 21 November, 1798; Lieutenant, 20 April, 1802. Killed in action before Tripoli, 3 August, 1804. Unmarried.

He was in command of Gunboat No. 2 and had engaged one of the enemy of superior force, compelling it to surrender, but on boarding her to take possession was treacherously shot through the head by the captain of the surrendered gunboat. The day following the engagement, with appropriate rites and volleys of musketry, his body was committed from the gangway of the *Constitution* to the waters of the Mediterranean. A part of the general order promulgated to his squadron by Commodore Preble the same day is as follows:

"The Commodore deeply regrets
the death of the brave Lieutenant



"UNITED STATES" AND "MACEDONIAN"

James Decatur, who nobly fell at the moment he had obliged an enemy of superior force to strike to him."

This resolution of Congress was approved March 3rd, 1805:

"That the President of the United States be also requested to communicate to the parents or other near relatives of Captain Richard Somers, Lieutenants Henry Wadsworth, James Decatur, James R. Caldwell, Joseph Israel and Midshipman John Sword Dorsey, the deep regret which Congress feels for the loss of those gallant men whose names ought to live in the recollection and affection of a grateful country and whose conduct ought to be regarded as an example to future generations."

7. ELIZABETH JOSIAH DECATUR, born July 30th, 1784, died April 24th, 1785, named for the wife of Capt. James Josiah, an old friend of the family. He was appointed Captain in the navy 10 October, 1776, and was nineteenth on the list, Captain John Paul Jones being the eighteenth.
8. COLONEL JOHN PINE DECATUR, born Philadelphia, September 14th, 1786. Appointed a Master in the U. S. Navy 4 August, 1807, but

resigned 26 March, 1810, at the desire of his wife, who wished her husband at home with her and not on the seas. He had married April 6th, 1809, Maria Susanna Ten Eyck, born October 31st, 1789, baptized by Bishop Provost at St. Paul's Church, New York, daughter and heiress of Thomas Ten Eyck, born 1742, died August 20th, 1808, married November 18th, 1784, to Susannah Barr Stewart, who died November 23rd, 1795, aged 38 years, daughter of Alexander Stewart of New York, died April 9th, 1776, aged 61 years, and Susannah Barr. Thomas Ten Eyck and his wife were buried in the Ten Eyck family vault in St. Paul's Churchyard, New York.

In 1811, 1812, 1813 and 1814, John P. Decatur was of the firm of Bullus, Decatur & Rucker, proprietors of the Bellona Powder Mills, Belleville, New Jersey. These mills were destroyed by explosion April 20th, 1814. He had a large and handsome residence fronting the Park on Main St., Newark, N. J., and was a great sportsman, keeping a large stable of fine horses and a pack of hounds.

On May 11th, 1812, he was commissioned Captain of the Fifth Company in the Essex Squadron of Cavalry, by Joseph Bloomfield, Governor and Commander in Chief, New Jersey.

On December 4th, 1812, he was commissioned, with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, an Aide de Camp on the staff of Governor Aaron

Ogden, Commander in Chief of military forces in State of New Jersey. As Aide de Camp he was employed by the Commander in Chief to organize the detachment of New Jersey drafted militia in service of the United States, under command of Lieutenant-Colonel Jas. Abrahams.

On September 14th, 1813, he was appointed Major in Lieutenant-Colonel Isaac Belknap's Regiment.

On February 20th, 1818, was appointed Naval Store Keeper, Brooklyn Navy Yard, N. Y.

On October 21st, 1823, appointed Naval Store Keeper at Portsmouth Navy Yard, N. H.

On the occasion of the Marquis de Lafayette's visit to Caldwell, New Jersey, in September, 1824, Col. Decatur presented to the citizens of the village a brass cannon, which was one of two that Congress in 1816 voted to his brother, Com. Decatur, among other trophies of his victories in the war with Algiers. This cannon is now in the park at Caldwell.

On April 8th, 1829, he was appointed by President Jackson Collector of the Customs for the District of Portsmouth, N. H. Col. Decatur was an intimate friend of the President and one of his children was named Andrew Jackson Decatur.

At the time of his death, November 12th, 1832, of typhoid fever, at Fort Gibson, Arkansas or Indian Territory, Col. Decatur was

Sutler (a position in those days of importance and consideration) at that post. His remains are in the U. S. National Cemetery at Fort Gibson, marked by a tombstone that Major George Birch, one of his brother officers, claimed from friendship the privilege of erecting.

Mrs. Maria S. Decatur, his widow, died at her residence, No. 53 East 20th St., New York, September 8th, 1850, and was buried in a vault she had ordered built in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Their children were:

16. Maria Susanna Decatur, b. June 9, 1810, d. Aug. 2, 1879.
 17. Anna Pine Decatur, b. Sept. 2, 1812, d. May 3, 1896.
 18. Stephen Decatur, b. Dec. 18, 1814, d. Jan. 9, 1876.
 19. Thomas Ten Eyck Decatur, b. Dec. 15, 1816, d. Aug. 31, 1819.
 20. Susan Decatur, b. April 13, 1820, d. Mar. 20, 1873.
 21. John Pine Decatur, b. April 12, 1823, d. July 17, 1857.
 22. Margaret Ten Eyck Decatur, b. Mar. 24, 1826, d. Dec. 4, 1827.
 23. Andrew Jackson Decatur, b. Nov. 12, 1828, d. June 11, 1875.
9. JOSEPH HILL DECATUR, died January 2nd, 1802, aged 12 years. Buried in St. Peter's Churchyard, Philadelphia.



MRS. COM. DECATUR
Died June 21, 1860, aged 84 years

FOURTH GENERATION

10. STEPHEN DECATUR McKNIGHT, born Philadelphia, May 29th, 1796. Appointed Midshipman U. S. Navy, 21 February, 1809; Lieutenant, 24 July, 1813. Unmarried. Believed to have perished on board U. S. *Wasp*, which was lost at sea; last heard of October 9th, 1814, as per log of the Swedish bark *Adonis*.

11. MARY HILL McKNIGHT, born Mt. Airy, Pa., May 21st, 1798. Unmarried. Died Philadelphia, May 19th, 1889. Buried St. Peter's Churchyard, Phila.

12. ANNA PINE McKNIGHT, born Mt. Airy, Pa., March 14th, 1800. Married first to Harvey Klapp, M.D., of Philadelphia, widower with four daughters. His first wife's name was Rebecca. He died January 18th, 1827, aged 42 years 6 months and 8 days. Buried St. Peter's Churchyard, Phila.

She married for her second husband Francis Barton Stockton, born June 22nd, 1792, appointed Purser U. S. Navy 11 March 1829, died January 15th, 1858.

Mrs. Stockton died at Atlantic City, N. J., August 10th, 1884. Both buried St. Peter's Churchyard, Phila.

No children by either marriage.

13. **PRISCILLA DECATUR McKNIGHT**, born Philadelphia, January 26th, 1802, died January 28th, 1890. Married November 12th, 1822, at No. 52 Nassau St., Brooklyn, N. Y., the residence of Col. John P. Decatur, her uncle and guardian, by the Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, afterwards Bishop of Pennsylvania, to Levi Twiggs, born Augusta, Georgia, May 21st, 1793, appointed Second Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps, 10 November, 1813; First Lieutenant, 18 June, 1814; Captain, 23 February, 1830; Major, 15 November, 1840. Son of Gen. John Twiggs of Richmond Co., Georgia, born December 12th, 1750, and Ruth Emanuel, daughter of David Emanuel, Governor of Georgia in 1801. Major Twiggs was killed in the storming of Chapultepec, Mexico, September 13th, 1847.

Both were buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Phila.

Their children were:

- 24. Anna McKnight Twiggs, b. Nov. 27, 1823,
d. April 22, 1884.
- 25. Augusta Chauncey Twiggs, b. Oct. 9, 1825,
d. Nov. 2, 1909.
- 26. George Decatur Twiggs, b. April 18, 1828,
d. Aug. 12, 1847.
- 27. Julia Bruce Twiggs
- 28. Mary Elizabeth Twiggs
- 29. Coleman Emanuel Twiggs
- 30. Louisa Eve Twiggs

} died in
infancy.

31. Frederica Constantia Twiggs, b. Feb. 21, 1840, d. April 7, 1914.

14. CATHERINE LOUISA HURST, born Frankford, Pa., July 25th, 1812, died August 20th, 1836. Unmarried. Buried in St. Peter's Churchyard, Phila.

15. WILLIAM DECATUR HURST, born Frankford, Pa., January 31st, 1815. Appointed Midshipman U. S. Navy, 2 February, 1829; Lieutenant, 8 September, 1841. Died Mendham, New Jersey, August 7th, 1855. Married November 16th, 1848, Mary Gamble of Brooklyn, N. Y., born January 15th, 1822, died Pensacola, Florida, February 4th, 1851, daughter of Lieut.-Col. John Marshall Gamble, U. S. Marine Corps, born March 12th, 1790, died September 11th, 1836, and Hannah Lang, born April 6th, 1797, died May 3d, 1876. Lieut. Hurst and his wife were buried in the Gamble family lot at Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y.

They had a daughter.

32. Mary Hurst, b. Sept. 25, 1850, d. Oct. 26, 1894.

16. MARIA SUSANNA DECATUR, born New York, June 9th, 1810. Unmarried. Died, Orange, New Jersey, August 2nd, 1879. Buried in the Decatur vault, Greenwood Cemetery.

17. ANNA PINE DECATUR, born Newark, New Jersey, September 2nd, 1812, died at her residence, No. 18 East 63rd Street, New York, May 3rd, 1896, buried in the Decatur vault, Greenwood Cemetery. Married April 18th, 1854, by the Rev. Dr. Francis Hawkes, New York, to Capt. William H. Parsons, born July 21st, 1813, son of John Wilkes Parsons, M.D., of Rye, N. H., for many years a representative in the New Hampshire State Legislature and for several years a member of its Senate, born December 12th, 1778, died September 18th, 1849, and Abigail Garland, born August 14th, 1782, married August 11th, 1803, died September 22nd, 1857.

Being born and brought up in sight and hearing of the ocean, of robust health, William H. Parsons became desirous of visiting foreign lands, and knowing the success of ship masters, which in those days was an esteemed and lucrative calling, he chose the sea as his profession; winning the regard and confidence of his employers, he was soon in command of a vessel and was Captain and part owner of several famous "clipper" ships and made many long and successful voyages, some around Cape Horn, South America, and the Cape of Good Hope, Africa. On the breaking out of hostilities between the North and the South in the Civil War, he gave up active life on the sea, retaining an interest, however, in shipping, and settled down in New York City to enjoy the fruits of his busy life.



COL. JOHN P. DECATUR
1786-1832

He died in Homburg, Germany, September 3rd, 1867, having gone abroad with his wife and son for the beneficial effect of the waters. His remains were brought home and interred in the vault of his wife's family at Greenwood Cemetery.

Their children were:

- 33. William Decatur Parsons, b. May 29, 1855.
- 34. John Pine Parsons, b. June 19, 1857, d. Feb. 11, 1858.

18. STEPHEN DECATUR, born Newark, N. J., December 18th, 1814. Appointed Midshipman U. S. Navy, 17 March, 1829; Lieutenant, 25 February, 1841; Commander, 29 July, 1861; Captain, 4 April, 1867. Commodore on retired list, 30 December, 1869. Died at his residence, No. 13 West Cedar St., Boston, Mass., January 9th, 1876. Married at Brookline, Mass., by the Rev. Mr. Worcester, March 7th, 1848, Anna Rowell Philbrick, born Lynn, Mass., November 9th, 1821, died at her summer residence, Kittery Point, Maine, October 15th, 1906, daughter of Samuel Philbrick of Brookline, Mass., born February 4th, 1789, married September, 1816, died September 19th, 1859, and Eliza Southwick, born March 21st, 1793, died October 11th, 1891.

This Com. Stephen Decatur and his wife are buried at Greenwood Cemetery.

Their children were:

35. Stephen Decatur, b. June 29, 1849, d. June 19, 1861.
 36. Anna Pine Decatur, b. Dec. 7, 1850, d. Sept. 4, 1852.
 37. Edward Philbrick twins born d. Dec. 5,
Decatur June 25th, 1864
 38. Maria Susanna 1853 d. May 16,
Decatur 1897
 39. William Beverley Decatur, b. May 15,
1855.
 40. Eliza Southwick Decatur, b. Feb. 7, 1860,
d. May 7, 1861.
19. THOMAS TEN EYCK DECATUR, born Newark, N. J., December 15th, 1816. Died Brooklyn, N. Y. Buried August 31st, 1819, in the Ten Eyck vault in St. Paul's Churchyard, New York.
20. SUSAN DECATUR, born Brooklyn Navy Yard, N. Y., April 13th, 1820, died New York, March 20th, 1873. Buried Greenwood Cemetery. Married by Rev. F. L. Hawkes August 8th, 1855, to Major John Parsons, born January 4th, 1816, son of John Wilkes Parsons, M.D., of Rye, N. H.
- He served in the Seminole War, under General Harney, and was Major on the Staff of General Reed. He was associated with Senator Yulee in the inception and construction of the first railroad in the State of Florida, and was a large land owner in that state. He died

at Bayport, Florida, May 28th, 1888, and was buried at Greenwood Cemetery.

Their children were:

41. John Decatur Parsons, b. June 5, 1862, d. Sept. 29, 1884.
 42. Susan Ten Eyck Parsons, b. Sept. 3, 1864, d. Dec. 12, 1876.
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21. JOHN PINE DECATUR, born Brooklyn, N. Y., April 12th, 1823. Midshipman U. S. Navy, 31 August, 1836; Passed Midshipman, 1 July, 1842; Master, 5 September, 1849; Lieutenant, 19 April, 1850. Unmarried. Died at Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., July 17th, 1857. Buried at Greenwood.
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22. MARGARET TEN EYCK DECATUR, born Portsmouth Navy Yard, N. H., on Good Friday, March 24th, 1826. Died December 4th, 1827. Buried in Elijah Hall's vault in St. John's Church, Portsmouth, N. H.
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23. ANDREW JACKSON DECATUR, born Portsmouth, N. H., November 12th, 1828, in the Governor John Langdon house on Pleasant Street, which Col. Decatur had leased and was occupying. (For a description of this historic house, see "An Old Town by the Sea," by Thomas Bailey Aldrich). Died unmarried, New York, June 11th, 1875. Buried in Greenwood.

FIFTH GENERATION

24. ANNA MCKNIGHT TWIGGS, born November 27th, 1823, died April 22nd, 1884, buried Laurel Hill, Phila. Married, first Francis Murray Wynkoop, born Pottsville, Pa., 1820, Colonel 1st Penna. Regiment, Pa. Volunteers, accidentally shot while gunning near Tamaqua, Pa., and died from wound, December 13th, 1857.

Her second husband, married January 12th, 1874, was Rev. Charles Reuben Hale, born March 14th, 1837, consecrated a Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church July 26th, 1892, died at Cairo, Illinois, December 25th, 1900. Buried at Laurel Hill Cemetery.

No issue by either marriage.

25. AUGUSTA CHAUNCEY TWIGGS, born October 9th, 1825, died Asheville, North Carolina, November 2nd, 1909, buried Laurel Hill Cemetery. Married June 19th, 1849, Edward Shippen of Philadelphia, born November 16th, 1823, died March 14th, 1904, buried Laurel Hill Cemetery, son of Joseph Galloway Shippen, M.D., and Anna Maria Buckley.

Their children were:

43. Elizabeth Bordley Twigg Shippen, b. April 21, 1850, d. Mar. 4, 1872.



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44. Frances Stockton Shippen, d. Aug. 18, 1853, aged 9 months and 5 days.
45. Sarah Burd Shippen, b. Sept. 25, 1854.
26. GEORGE DECATUR TWIGGS, born April 18th, 1828, unmarried. Killed at National Bridge while serving as Lieutenant in the Mexican War, August 12th, 1847. Buried at Laurel Hill Cemetery.
27. JULIA BRUCE TWIGGS, died in infancy.
28. MARY ELIZABETH TWIGGS, died in infancy.
29. COLEMAN EMANUEL TWIGGS, died in infancy.
30. LOUISA EVE TWIGGS, died in infancy.
31. FREDERICA CONSTANTIA TWIGGS, born Washington, D. C., February 21st, 1840, died at her residence, 1432 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, April 7th, 1914. Married December 1st, 1863, by Rev. H. W. Ducachet of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, to Frank Horace Getchell, M.D., of Waterville, Maine, born December 8th, 1834, died Philadelphia June 27th, 1907. Dr. Getchell and wife are buried at Laurel Hill Cemetery.
- Their child:
46. Lillie Shippen Getchell, b. Philadelphia, Nov. 9, 1864.

32. MARY HURST, born September 25th, 1850, died October 26th, 1894, married January 20th, 1892, Rev. Evelyn Pierrepont Bartow, born June 13th, 1846, died October 17th, 1902. They were both buried in the Pierrepont lot on Lawn Girt Hill, Greenwood Cemetery.
They had no children.
33. WILLIAM DECATUR PARSONS, born at No. 53 East 20th Street, New York, May 29th, 1855. LL.B. Columbia College, May 16th, 1877. Admitted as an Attorney and Counselor to the New York Bar, June 1st, 1877, by Noah Davis, Presiding Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York. In 1904 admitted a member of The Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Hampshire. Married Jacksonville, Florida, March 14th, 1899, by Rev. V. M. Shields, St. John's Episcopal Church, to Christine Hilsendegen, born Detroit, January 16th, 1859, widow of William J. Ullrich of Mt. Clemens, Michigan, died October 24th, 1895, aged 36 years, buried Clinton Grove Cemetery, Mt. Clemens, daughter of Valentine Hilsendegen of Detroit, Michigan, born September 6th, 1825, died April 3rd, 1888, and Elizabetha Steffan, born February 24th, 1832, died January 26th, 1913. Both buried Mt. Elliott Cemetery, Detroit.
34. JOHN PINE PARSONS, born New York June 19th, 1857, died February 11th, 1858, buried in Decatur vault, Greenwood Cemetery.

35. STEPHEN DECATUR, born June 29th, 1849, died June 19th, 1861. Buried at Greenwood.
36. ANNA PINE DECATUR, born December 7th, 1850, died September 4th, 1852. Buried at Greenwood.
37. EDWARD PHILBRICK DECATUR, twin born Boston, Mass., June 25th, 1853, died December 5th, 1864. Buried at Greenwood.
38. MARIA SUSANNA DECATUR, twin born Boston, Mass., June 25th, 1853, died Norfolk, Va., May 16th, 1897. Buried Cedar Grove Cemetery, Norfolk. Married April 6th, 1874, Wyndham Robertson Mayo, of Norfolk, son of Peter Poythress Mayo and Elizabeth Upshur.

Their children were:

47. Stephen Decatur Mayo, b. Jan. 14, 1875.
48. Wyndham R. Mayo, Jr., b. Mar. 7, 1876.
49. Maria Ten Eyck Decatur Mayo, b. Oct. 14, 1882.
39. WILLIAM BEVERLEY DECATUR.
Name changed by Act of
Legislature of Maine to

STEPHEN DECATUR—born Boston, Mass., May 15th, 1855. Appointed Midshipman U. S. Navy 8 June, 1870, resigned 15 June, 1872. Commissioned in Spanish-American War a Lieutenant, Junior Grade, 10 May, 1898, honorably discharged 17 January, 1899. Elected

July 4th, 1909, an honorary member of The Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Hampshire, married December 30th, 1884, Mabel Storer of Portsmouth, N. H., born September 24th, 1861, daughter of Samuel Storer, born October 17th, 1820, died September 15th, 1898, and Sarah Parker Rice Goodwin, born July 1st, 1832, died December 20th, 1867.

Their children were:

- 50. Stephen Decatur, Jr., b. April 10, 1886.
- 51. Storer Goodwin Decatur, b. April 9, 1888.
- 52. Anna Decatur, b. Feb. 23, 1890.

- 40. ELIZA SOUTHWICK DECATUR, born February 7th, 1860, died May 7th, 1861. Buried at Greenwood.
- 41. JOHN DECATUR PARSONS, born Bayport, Florida, June 5th, 1862. Unmarried. Died New York, September 29th, 1884. Buried at Greenwood.
- 42. SUSAN TEN EYCK PARSONS, born September 3rd, 1864, died Plainfield, N. J., December 12th, 1876. Buried at Greenwood.



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SIXTH GENERATION

43. ELIZABETH BORDLEY TWIGGS SHIPPEN, born April 21st, 1850, died Philadelphia March 4th, 1872. Buried Laurel Hill Cemetery. Married June 7th, 1871, James Patterson Burd, M.D., born Juniata Co., Pa., November 8th, 1850, died December 16th, 1918, buried Laurel Hill Cemetery, son of Joseph S. Burd, born April 4th, 1796, died April 28th, 1859, and Margaret McCoy, born April 21st, 1814, died January 25th, 1889.

They had no children.

44. FRANCES STOCKTON SHIPPEN, died August 18th, 1853, aged 9 months and 5 days, buried Laurel Hill Cemetery.

45. SARAH BURD SHIPPEN, born . . . , September 25th, 1854. Married October 26th, 1875, William Whitehead West, born November 27th, 1842, son of Charles William West, M.D., of Georgia, and Eliza Alice Whitehead.

Their children:

53. Edward Shippin West, b. Aug. 2, 1876, d. June 25, 1882.
54. Charles William West, b. Oct. 30, 1877.
55. Augusta Twiggs Shippin West, b. May 12, 1879.

- 56. William Whitehead West, Jr., b. July 15, 1881.
- 57. Shippen Decatur West, b. Mar. 28, 1883.
- 58. Edward Shippen West, b. Jan. 24, 1887.
- 59. Sarah Shippen West, b. July 25, 1891.
- 46. LILLIE SHIPPEN GETCHELL, born Philadelphia November 9th, 1864.
- 47. STEPHEN DECATUR MAYO, born Norfolk, Va., January 14th, 1875. Married April 10th, 1912, Isabella Ritchie Harrison of Virginia.
- 48. WYNDHAM ROBERTSON MAYO, JR., born Norfolk, Va., March 7th, 1876. Married December 19th, 1903, Louise Willoughby Bonsal, born Baltimore, Md., November 24th, 1874, daughter of Stephen Bonsal and Frances Leigh.
Their children:
 - 60. Wyndham Robertson Mayo 3rd, born Nov. 16, 1904.
- 49. MARIA TEN EYCK DECATUR MAYO, born Norfolk, Va., October 14th, 1882. Married first November 18th, 1905, Walter Livingston Cutting died September 2nd, 1907. Married second, November 15th, 1916, Lieutenant Morton Lindholm Deyo, U. S. N.
- 50. STEPHEN DECATUR, JR., born Portsmouth, N. H., April 10th, 1886. Appointed from New Hampshire to the U. S. Naval Academy, An-

napolis, Md., by U. S. Senator Henry L. Burnham. Served there as Midshipman from 21 Nov., 1902, to 29 Jan., 1906. Entered service Naval Militia of Massachusetts and appointed Lieutenant, Junior Grade, 3 Feb., 1910. Appointed Lieutenant 4 Jan., 1912. Resigned and honorably discharged 16 Nov., 1914. Appointed Ensign U. S. Naval Reserve Force 11 June, 1917; Lieutenant Junior Grade, 22 Oct., 1917; Lieutenant, 1 Feb., 1918. Inactive duty, 14 Oct., 1919.

DUTY

- 11 June, 1917, to 18 Nov., 1917 Newport, R. I.
- 18 Nov., 1917, to 4 Dec., 1918 U. S. S. *Henley* (destroyer)
- 5 Dec., 1918, to 8 Feb., 1919 U. S. S. *America*
- 8 Feb., 1919, to 29 Sept., 1919 U. S. S. *Mt. Vernon*
- 29 Sept., 1919, to 14 Oct., 1919 New York

Married, New York, April 26th, 1919, Winifred M. Rogers, born Nashville, Tenn., September 13th, 1889, daughter of Rear Admiral Charles C. Rogers, U. S. N., of Virginia, and Alice A. Walker.

Children:

61. Ann Courtenay Decatur, born Oct. 29, 1920.

51. STORER GOODWIN DECATUR, born Portsmouth, N. H., April 9th, 1888. Volunteered U. S. Naval Reserve Force, Boatswain's Mate 1st Class, 29 April, 1917; Chief Boatswain's Mate, 1 June, 1917. Appointed Ensign, 1 October, 1918. Inactive duty, 10 Oct., 1919.

DUTY

29 April, 1917, to	U. S. Training Station, Newport, R. I.
1 Nov., 1918	On Patrol Duty as Commu- nication Officer
1 Nov., 1918, to 15 Mar., 1919	Aide to Commandant 2nd Naval District
15 Mar., 1919, to 10 Oct., 1919	Personal Aide to Rear Ad- miral Oman, U. S. N., Military Governor and Commandant of the Vir- gin Islands of the U. S.

52. ANNA DECATUR, born Portsmouth, N. H., February 23rd, 1890. Married, Portsmouth, June 6th, 1914, Miers Fisher Wright, born July 6th, 1891, son of Sidney L. Wright and Frances Pepper of Philadelphia.

27 Nov., 1917	Commissioned First Lieuten- ant of Infantry, U. S. A.
15 Dec., 1917	50th Regular Infantry, Com- pany M.
22 Dec., 1917	Assigned to duty Washington, D. C., 3rd Battalion, 50th Infantry.



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- 28 May, 1918 Instructor at Officers' Training
Camp, Plattsburgh, N. Y.
- 4 Sept., 1918 Promoted to Captain of Infantry.
- 20 Sept., 1918 Assistant Military Instructor
at Harvard University.
- 6 Oct., 1918 In Command of Officers'
Training School, Brooklyn,
N. Y.
- 8 Jan., 1919 Honorably discharged from U.
S. A.
- 18 Feb., 1919 Commissioned Captain of Infantry,
U. S. R.

Children:

62. Frances Pepper Wright, b. July 3, 1915.
63. Stephen Decatur Wright, b. May 14, 1919.

SEVENTH GENERATION

53. EDWARD SHIPPEN WEST, born August 2nd, 1876, died June 25th, 1882.
54. CHARLES WILLIAM WEST, M.D., born October 30th, 1877. Graduate of the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, 1905.
55. AUGUSTA TWIGGS SHIPPEN WEST, born May 12th, 1879. Married, April 22nd, 1903, Roland Sletor Morris, born March 11th, 1874, appointed by President Woodrow Wilson Ambassador to Japan, son of Thomas Burnside Morris and Sarah Arndt Sletor.
Children:
64. Sarah Arndt Morris, b. May 25, 1904.
65. Edward Shippen Morris, b. Feb. 14, 1906.
56. WILLIAM WHITEHEAD WEST, JR., born July 15th, 1881. Graduated U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., Class of 1905.
Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, 13 June, 1905.
Commissioned 1st Lieutenant, 29 Feb., 1912.
Commissioned Captain U. S. Cavalry, 1 July, 1916.
Commissioned temporarily (5 Aug., 1917, to 25 Sept., 1919, during the great war, as

Major, Lieutenant-Colonel, and Colonel).
Service in Philippine Islands, Mexico, Eng-
land, France and Germany.

Married, January 7th, 1914, Anna Huntington
Rumbough, daughter of Col. David J.
Rumbough, U. S. Field Artillery, and
Sarah Eliza Stanley, daughter of Major-
Gen. David S. Stanley, U. S. A.

Children:

- 66. Wm. W. West 3rd, b. November 26, 1914.
- 67. Elizabeth Stanley Rumbough West, b.
July 2, 1918.

57. SHIPPEN DECATUR WEST, born March
28th, 1883.

- 29 May, 1917 Enlisted, Philadelphia, Pa., U.
S. Army Ambulance Service.
- 11 June, 1917 Ordered to active duty, Allen-
town, Pa.
- 21 Mar., 1918 Appointed Sergeant.
- 6 May, 1918 Transferred to Quartermaster
C o r p s , Remount Officers'
Training School, C a m p
Johnson, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 13 Aug., 1918 Commissioned 2nd Lieuten-
ant, Quartermaster Corps,
assigned to Remount Divis-
ion and ordered to auxiliary
Remount Depot 331, at
Camp Lewis, Wash.
- 10 Sept., 1919 Ordered to C a m p Devens,
Mass.
- 19 Sept., 1919 Discharged at Camp Devens.

58. EDWARD SHIPPEN WEST, born January 24th, 1887 (Baptized Evelyn Nephews West, name of Edward Shippen West taken as an older brother of that name had died).
15 Aug., 1917 Commissioned Captain Cavalry from 1st Reserve Officers' Training Camp, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.
29 Aug., 1917 Assigned to 306 Train, Headquarters and Military Police, 81st Division, Camp Jackson, S. C.
10 Nov., 1917 Re-commissioned Captain Infantry.
4 Jan., 1919 Re-assigned to Headquarters, 81st Div.
26 Apr., 1919 Re-assigned to Headquarters 3rd Army, Germany.
1 July, 1919 Re-assigned Headquarters 1st Div., Germany.
5 Sept., 1919 Arrived in United States.
31 Oct., 1919 Honorably discharged at Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky.
Graduate of the "Army School of the Line," Langres, Haute Marne, France.
59. SARAH SHIPPEN WEST, born July 25th, 1891. Married January 16th, 1913, Richard Montgomery Haines, born March 20th, 1884, son of Charles Edward Haines and Elizabeth Montgomery.
Children:



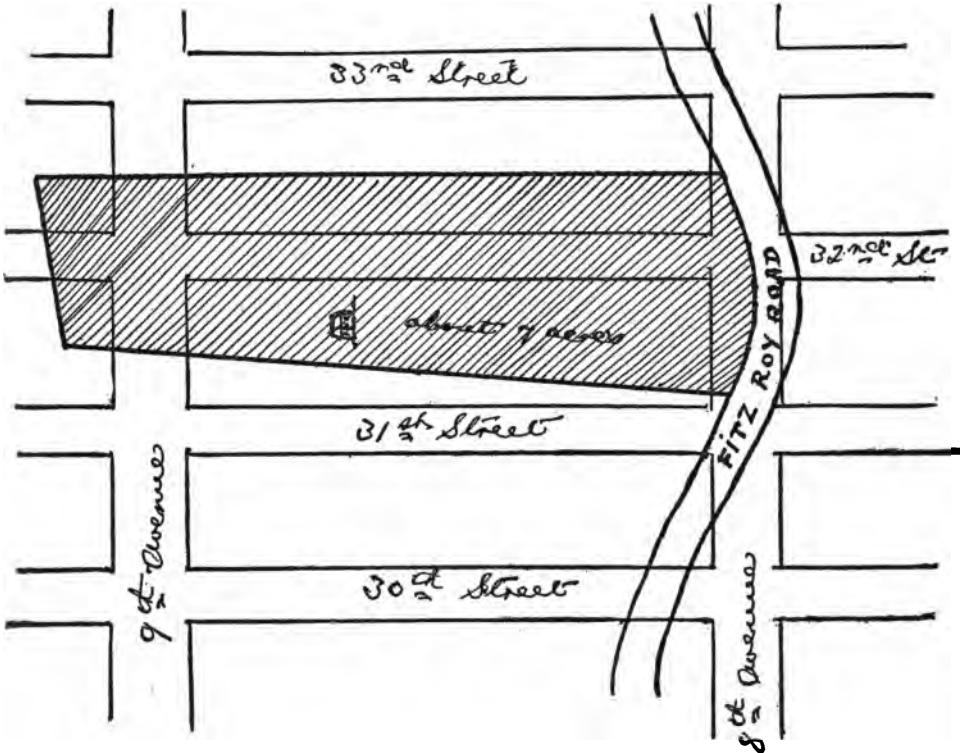
MISS ANNA PINE DECATUR
(Mrs. Wm. H. Parsons)
1812-1896

68. Richard Montgomery Haines, Jr., b. Oct.
19, 1913.
69. Sarah Shippen Haines 2nd, b. Oct. 3, 1914.
70. Helen Montgomery Haines, b. July 14,
1916.
60. WYNDHAM ROBERTSON MAYO 3RD, b.
Norfolk, Va., Nov. 16th, 1904.
61. ANN COURTENAY DECATUR, b. Garden
City, N. Y., Oct. 29, 1920.
62. FRANCES PEPPER WRIGHT, b. July 3rd,
1918.
63. STEPHEN DECATUR WRIGHT, b. May
14th, 1919.

EIGHTH GENERATION

- 64. SARAH ARNDT MORRIS, born May 25th, 1904.
- 65. EDWARD SHIPPEN MORRIS, born February 14th, 1906.
- 66. WILLIAM W. WEST 3RD, born Fort Riley, Kan., November 26th, 1914.
- 67. ELIZABETH STANLEY RUMBOUGH WEST, born Washington, D. C., July 2nd, 1918.
- 68. RICHARD MONTGOMERY HAINES, JR., born October 19th, 1913.
- 69. SARAH SHIPPEN HAINES 2ND, born October 3rd, 1914.
- 70. HELEN MONTGOMERY HAINES, born July 14th, 1916.

NEW YORK CITY FARM OF MRS. JOHN P. DECATUR
Inherited from her father Thomas Ten Eyck



FROM MAP OF FARMS, CALLED THE BLUE BOOK, 1815
Streets and Avenues Laid Out by John Randel, Jr., 1819-1820

THE DECATUR HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Besides the Executive Mansion, no building was erected on Lafayette Square until the close of the War of 1812, when St. John's Church was built. The first private house was that of Commodore Decatur, at the southwest corner of H Street and Jackson Place. It was built in 1819, the architect being Latrobe, the master mind of our unequaled Capitol.

It remains to this day substantially unchanged and is one of the most elegant interiors in the city. The exterior is extremely plain. The grounds are spacious and entirely enclosed. Baron Tuyll, minister from Russia, lived in this house after Mrs. Decatur left it on the Commodore's death. Afterwards it was occupied by Henry Clay, Martin Van Buren and Edward Livingston of Louisiana, three Secretaries of State, then it became the home of two foreign ministers, Sir Charles Vaughan of England and Baron de Neuville of France. Other and later occupants maintained with credit its social prestige. The last tenant before the Civil War was Judah P. Benjamin, then Senator from Louisiana, afterward Attorney General, the Secretary of War and finally Secretary of State to the Confederacy. During the Civil War the house was rented by the Government and used for offices. At the close of the war, General Edward F. Beale bought it, but did not occupy it until 1873. In 1876 he went as Minister



MRS. WM. H. PARSONS
Miss Anna ~~Price~~ Decatur
1812-1895

to Austria and on his return the house became the centre of all that was best in Washington. The old house has opened its doors to nearly every President from Madison down, and to all the greatest men and most beautiful women of America and Europe for a hundred years.

[From Historic Houses of Washington, by Teunis S. Hamlin.]

THE DECATUR HOUSE

NEWARK, N. J.

The grand old mansion facing Military Park, recently acquired by the Essex Club from the Estate of the Peters family, was erected in the early part of the last century and was once the home of John Decatur, brother of the famous Commodore Stephen Decatur. There the hero of Tripoli, when on leave of absence, several times came to enjoy old time Newark hospitality and share in the delights of the chase.

Newark, with its miles of gently undulating farm lands along the Passaic, which trade and modern enterprise had not then desecrated, was an ideal fox hunting country for long over half a century after the Revolution, and the sport was indulged in to a greater extent in this vicinity than anywhere else in New Jersey.

Many of the prominent families kept their own coursers. John Decatur was one of Newark's greatest devotees of the sport.

In the summer and fall time large house parties used to be held at the Decatur Mansion, the guests coming from all over the country by stage-coach or in

great private vehicles. The drivers, footmen and postillions in their gaily colored liveries must have been a sight well worth gazing on.

Although Commodore Decatur was more noted as a hero than as a huntsman, his brother John was reputed to be the finest mount in Sussex County, and many anecdotes were related in his day of his prowess in the hunting field.

There is a tradition that the wide hall of the Decatur house held the brushes of two hundred foxes, and it may be true, as the halls of all the great houses of Newark always contained the sporting trophies of the different members of the families.

On the lawn were several cannon balls given to his brother as presents by Commodore Decatur. They remained as garden embellishments during the ownership of the house by the well known Condit family. Bishop Doane's wife was a daughter of Joel W. Condit and once resided in this historic house, afterwards occupied by George Peters, then known as No. 11 Park Place. The Essex County Club that now occupies the site is No. 44.

In Col. Decatur's time it was considered one of the most elegant places in the country, with its handsome surroundings.

[From Historic Houses of New Jersey, by W. Jay Mills, and from other sources.]

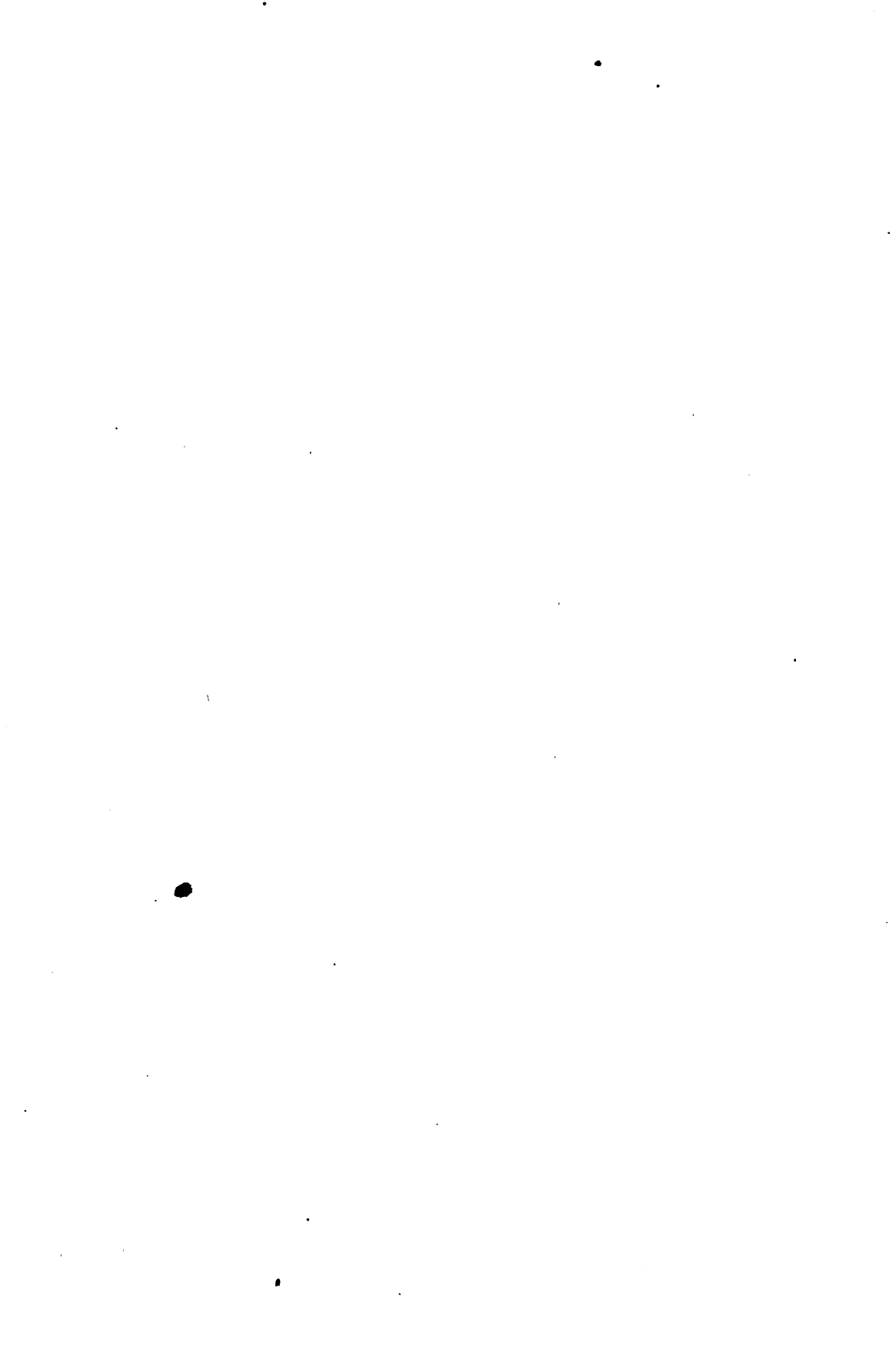
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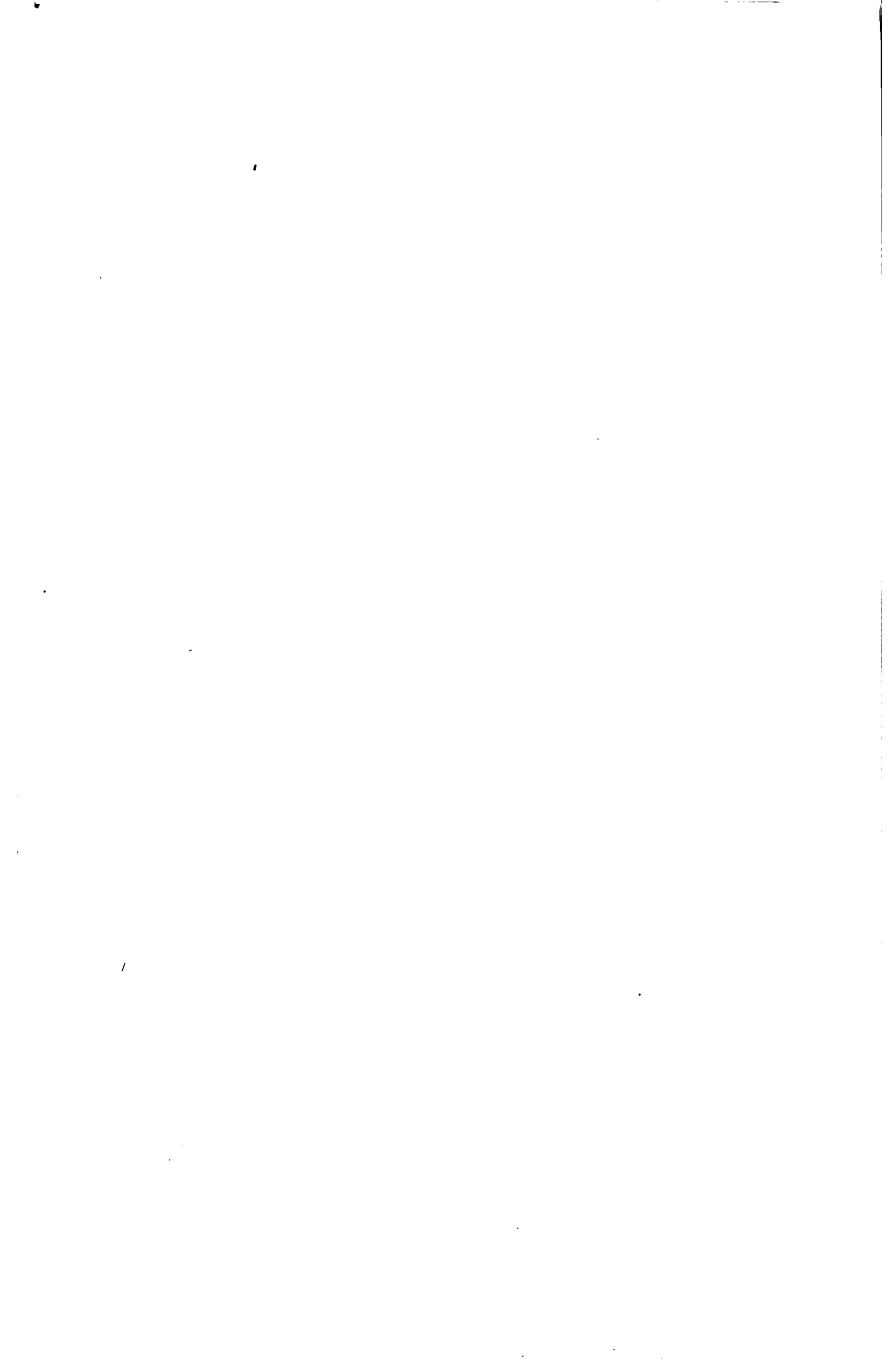
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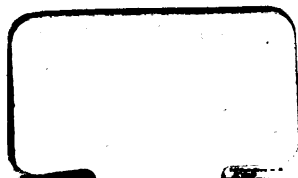


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